



GNSO Council Operations Work Team

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Work Team Chair

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(GCOT) Work Team Members

- Ron Andruff - Commercial and Business Stakeholder Group
- Eric Brunner-Williams - Registrar Stakeholder Group
- Ray Fassett (Chair) - gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group
- Robin Gross - Non-Commercial Users Stakeholder Group
- Tony Holmes - Internet Service and Connectivity Providers Stakeholder Group
- Yoav Keren (Vice Chair) - Registrar Stakeholder Group
- Wolf-Ulrich Knoben - Internet Service and Connectivity Providers Stakeholder Group
- Ken Stubbs - gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group

With Special Thanks...

ICANN Staff Support: Julie Hedlund; Rob Hoggarth

GNSO Support: Gissela Gruber-White; Glen de Saint Gery



Primary Tasks

- **Report of the Board Governance Committee, GNSO Review Working Group, on GNSO Improvements**
 - Determine what steps are needed to establish the role of the Council as a “strategic manager of the policy process.”
- **Prioritize our work**
 - Approve the Work Team Charter
 - Update GNSO Council Rules of Procedure (time sensitive)
 - Develop “Statement of Interest” and “Declaration of Interest” forms.

Work Team Schedule

- **Work Team Formed February 28, 2009**
- **Held 17 meetings over 30 weeks, primarily by teleconference**
- **All meetings MP3 recorded and w/transcript (archived at GCOT Wiki page)**
- **Originally a bi-weekly meeting schedule**
- **Became a weekly meeting schedule for the six weeks beginning in August thru mid September**

Major Challenges

- **Rules of Procedure & changes to ICANN by-laws going on in parallel**
 - Identifying the RoP sections likely not impacted from the work going on with the by-laws
 - Identifying changes to the by-laws likely of material impact to the RoP
- **Getting up to speed as a team on the new bi-cameral structure and the flow of this structure through the new RoP**

Primary WT Deliverables

- **Updated Council Operating Procedures (formerly known as the Council Rules of Procedure) submitted to GNSO Council on 9/17/09 for vote on 9/24/09 to initiate 21 day public comment period completed prior to the start of ICANN annual meeting in Seoul.**
- **Both a Statement of Interest and Declaration of Interest have been submitted to ICANN counsel for review and input.**

Motion – Section 4.2 Abstentions

- **The counting of abstentions is approved as an interim solution. The GNSO Council Operations workteam (GCOT) is requested to review this item and come up with a final solution.**
- **Target date: 11/25/09**

Ongoing Work

- **Council Rules of Procedure – Continue work on other outstanding issues.**
 - Re-examine limitations to absentee voting
 - Procedure to remove a Chair (rules currently silent)
- **Longer Term**
 - Define and develop scope and responsibilities of any other standing “committees” as recommended by the BGC WG Develop curriculum for training Council members, constituents, facilitators and others.
 - Review the current specifications and recommend rules for the establishment of new constituencies within stakeholder groups, while recognizing that differences exist between stakeholder groups and constituencies.

Open Enrollment

- **Anyone can join this Work Team and we encourage anyone to do so**

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